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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION Olympia, Washington

**To:** Clinics  
Federally Qualified Health Centers  
Physicians  
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners  
Managed Care Plans

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**Subject:** Diabetes Education Program: Fee Schedule Update and Discontinued State-Unique Procedure Codes

Effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2003, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will **discontinue** all state-unique procedure codes previously used in the Diabetes Education Program.

### Clarification

MAA is reissuing this memorandum in response to providers asking where they can obtain information on MAA's Diabetes Education Program. MAA is currently writing *Diabetes Education Billing Instructions*. Until these billing instructions are finished, providers should use this memorandum.

### Maximum Allowable Fees

The 2003 Washington State Legislature **has not appropriated a vendor rate increase** for the 2004 state fiscal year. Therefore, the maximum allowable fees for the Diabetes Education Program will remain at their current levels.

### Coding Changes

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all healthcare payers to process and pay electronic claims using a standardized set of procedure codes. MAA is discontinuing all state-unique procedure codes and modifiers and will require the use of applicable Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™) and Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes.

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**Discontinued State-Unique Codes**

The following state-unique codes will be discontinued for claims with dates of service after July 30, 2003:

<b>Discontinued State-Unique Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
1650M	Nutrition Core Module
1651M	Exercise Core Module
1652M	Prevention of Acute Complications Core Module
1653M	Prevention of Chronic Complications Core Module
1654M	Monitoring Core Module
1655M	Medication Core Module



**Note:** MAA will not reimburse for any of the state-unique procedure codes above for claims with dates of service on and after August 1, 2003.

**Billing for Diabetes Education Services Using CPT and HCPCS Codes**

Use the following standardized HCPCS codes to describe the services provided.

<b>Discontinued Code</b>	<b>Replacement Procedure Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Limits</b>
1651M 1652M 1653M 1654M 1655M	S9445	Patient education, not otherwise classified, non-physician provider, per session  One unit = 1 hour	Maximum of six (6) hours of patient education/diabetic management allowed per client, per calendar year.
	S9460	Diabetic management program, nurse visit  One unit = 1 hour	Maximum of six (6) hours of patient education/diabetic management allowed per client, per calendar year.
1650M	S9465	Diabetic management program, dietitian visit  One unit = 1 hour	Maximum of six (6) hours of patient education/diabetic management allowed per client, per calendar year.

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- MAA reimburses a maximum of **six (6) hours of patient education/diabetic management per client, per calendar year.**
- Procedure codes may be billed as a single unit, in multiple units, and/or in combinations for a maximum of six hours (6 units).
- A minimum of **one hour of education/management must be provided** per billed unit. Any combination of the codes may be used to meet the individual needs of the client.
- Diabetes education may be provided in a group or individual setting, or a combination of both, depending on the client's needs.



**Note:** MAA does not reimburse for diabetes education if those services are an expected part of another program provided to the client (e.g. school-based health services or adult day health services).

## Provider Qualifications/Requirements

- All physicians, ARNPs, clinics, hospitals, and Federally Qualified Health Centers are eligible to apply to be a diabetes education provider. The Diabetes Control Program (DCP) at the Department of Health (DOH) develops the application criteria and evaluates all applications for this program.
- For more information on becoming a diabetes education provider and to obtain an application, write or call:

Diabetes Control Program  
Department of Health  
PO Box 47836  
Olympia, WA 98504-7836  
(253) 395-6758

- Once the approval has been given by DOH, an MAA billing provider number will be assigned. Use this billing provider number on all diabetes education claims billed to MAA.

## Billing and Reimbursement Requirements

- In order to participate in the diabetes education program, a licensed primary health care provider must refer the client.

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- In order to receive reimbursement for diabetes education, the provider must:
  - ✓ Bill using the procedure codes listed below;
  - ✓ Bill using the MAA-assigned diabetes education *billing provider number*. **Only clinics can bill for diabetes education using an approved *billing provider number* – individual instructors may not bill using their *performing provider numbers* alone;**
  - ✓ In addition to the approved billing group or clinic provider number, the appropriate box on the claim form must be filled in with either a valid MAA-assigned provider number or, if the provider does not have such a number, the name of the performing provider.
    - For direct entry, key the valid performing provider number in the appropriate numeric field, or key the name of the performing provider in the comment field.
    - For electronic entry, key the valid performing provider number or the name of the performing provider in the performing provider field.
    - For hard copy (HCFA-1500 claim form), indicate the valid performing provider number or the name of the performing provider in the Physician Identification Number (PIN#) field in box 33.

## Fee Schedule

Procedure Code	Description	7/1/03 Maximum Allowable Fee
S9445	Patient education, not otherwise classified, non-physician provider, per session	\$45.68 per hour
S9460	Diabetic management program, nurse visit	\$45.68 per hour
S9465	Diabetic management program, dietitian visit	\$45.68 per hour

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### How can I get MAA's provider issuances?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.